

Topics

1. Project Overview
2. Report on Current Conditions and Interviews
3. Naming Ideas
4. Next Step: Polling



The Lake Worth Greenprint

Objectives

1. **Develop a long-term vision for a Lake Worth open space network, and involve stakeholders in the decision-making process**
2. **Build upon plans already complete or underway, e.g. trail alignment study for Lake Worth, Lake Worth Vision Plan, and the Lake Worth CIIP.**
3. **Identify lands most important for lake water quality, as well as other related community driven open space/conservation goals.**
4. **Help the city and stakeholders evaluate the relative importance of undeveloped land in the watershed.**
5. **Evaluate tools that can be used to protect Lake Worth's water quality.**
6. **Provide education about voluntary conservation easements (CEs) and their tax advantages to potential partners to make CE opportunities more widely understood and employed where appropriate.**



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Greenprinting Process

Current Conditions Analysis

Goal Setting & Public Engagement

Economic Benefit Study

Conservation Finance Feasibility Assessment

Level of Service Analysis

GIS Data Collection & Mapping

Action Planning / Recommendations



Current Conditions

Overview of watershed

History of the area and lake

Dynamics of Lake Worth water use and ownership

Existing water quality reports and analyses

Current impairments

Sedimentation and dredging

Natural Resources of watershed: hydrology and land characteristics

Recreation

Population growth

Land use and ownership

Planning context: past plans and studies

Land stewardship



Interviews

Goals:

- Fill in gaps in current conditions report
- Gain local perspective on watershed issues
- Identify stakeholder priorities
- Get a sense of what is realistic to accomplish with this project
- Brainstorm possible solutions and implementation strategies



Interviews

Preliminary Interview Findings:

- Water quality is seen as the biggest challenge in the next five to ten years along with new development.
- Mixed feelings about how much development will occur in watershed
- Biggest positive change in recent years: interest and momentum
- Private property land ethic in Texas: working with private landowners will be key



Interviews

Other topics discussed:

- Existing sources of water pollution (septic systems, fertilizer/pesticide runoff, ranching/livestock issues, feral hogs, natural erosion/sedimentation, old PCBs, trash)
- Riparian zones for water quality protection and recreation
- Possible outcomes of this project – what would success be?
- Who would be potential stewards and owners of important lands for water quality protection and/or parkland
- The need and desire for more parkland
- Lake Worth trail project and future trail possibilities
- What Casino Beach will mean for the future of the area

Interviews (completed)

Darrel Andrews, Tarrant Regional Water District
Michael Barnard, North Lake Worth Neighborhood Ass'n
Paul Bounds, Fort Worth Water Department
Larry Colvin, Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Ass'n
Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager
Gale Cupp, Neighborhood Ass'n South Lake Worth
David Creek, Fort Worth Parks & Com Services
Michael Dallas, Scenic Shores Neighborhood Ass'n
Kenneth Davis, Cassco Land Co.
Mark Ernst, Tarrant Regional Water District
James Frisinger, US Army Corps of Engineers
Tom Huffhines, Greater Fort Worth Real Estate Council
Patricia Hyer, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Ass'n
Ken Klaveness, Trinity Waters
Robert Manthei, XTO Energy Inc.
Brett McGuire, City of Lake Worth City Manager

Lee Nicol, Harris Nicol & Welborn Development Partners
Eric Seebock, Fort Worth Parks & Com Services
Rick Shepherd, Friends of Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge
Dennis Shingleton, Fort Worth Council member
Nikki Sopchack, Fort Worth Parks & Com Services
RJ Taylor, Connemara Conservancy
Steve Townsend, Tarrant County
Suzanne Tuttle, Lake Worth Nature Center
Joe Waller, Lake Worth Alliance
Randy Whiteman, Town of Lakeside Town Administrator
Rachel Wiggins, NAS Joint Reserve Base
Doug Woodson, Hickman investment
Valerie Yoakam Jay, Streams and Valleys
Richard Zavala, Fort Worth Parks & Com Services



Interviews (planned)

**Parker County
Texas Land Conservancy
Texas Land Trust Council
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust
Texas Agricultural Land Trust
Our Lands and Waters Foundation
Texas Parks and Wildlife
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Natural Resources Conservation Service Texas
Lake Worth Vision Plan Consultant**



Project Naming Ideas – Any Others?

- Lake Worth Greenprint for Growth
- Greenprint for Keeping Lake Worth Clean
- Fort Worth's Water Future: Keeping Lake Worth Clean
- Drinking Water Protection Plan for Lake Worth



Next Step: Polling

Goal is to complete a survey to test public attitudes about:

- Parks & open space and how they within overall public priorities,
- Drinking water,
- Importance of protection of Lake Worth,
- Priorities for potential public land conservation priorities such as drinking water, wildlife habitat, trails, recreation, history and culture,
- Willingness to pay,
- Key messaging (for use in public education efforts)

Poll Design Process

- Kickoff Call: 1st week of May: Initial kickoff call with key stakeholders (4-6) as part of Lake Worth Greenprint for Growth along with TPL staff and pollster. Purpose is to review polling process, discuss key areas for inquiry.
- Review of First Poll Draft: 2nd week of May. Review initial poll draft, incorporate suggestions from stakeholder team, refine survey
- 2nd Review of Poll Draft: 3rd week of May. Finalize poll.
- Poll Execution :3rd to 4th week of May (likely 400 interviews, with specific weighting to include Lake Worth, Lakeside alongside City of Fort Worth)
- Top Line Poll Results and Poll Summary: 1st week of June
- Poll Briefing: June 15, 2013

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